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-- A preferred apparatus 965 for use in connection with the present invention is shown schematically in Fig. 11 and described in, for example, published European Patent Application No. 98402857.1 (Publication No. EP 0 917 946). --

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 49.

Please add the following claims:

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50. A single pouch comprising a first lateral edge and a second lateral edge, each of the first and the second lateral edges comprising a concave surface and a convex surface, wherein the concave surface of the first lateral edge is substantially opposite the convex surface of the second lateral edge and the convex surface of the first lateral edge is substantially opposite the concave surface of the second lateral edge.

51. The single pouch of claim 50 wherein at least one of the first and the second lateral edges is substantially S-shaped.

52. A single pouch comprising a first lateral edge and a second lateral edge, the first lateral edge comprising a concave surface and the second lateral edge comprising a convex surface, wherein the concave surface of the first lateral edge is substantially opposite the convex surface of the second lateral edge.

53. The single pouch of claim 52 wherein at least one of the first and the second lateral edges is substantially S-shaped.

54. A single pouch comprising a first lateral edge and a second lateral edge, each of the first and the second lateral edges comprising a non-rectilinear portion, wherein a distance between the first and the second lateral edges is substantially the same for all elevations of the pouch.

55. The single pouch of claim 54 wherein at least one of the first and the second lateral edges is substantially S-shaped.